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Take this opportunity to share your views

2003 Session will bring legislative, fiscal challenges



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Dear Friend:

The 2003 legislative session has begun, which means the legislature will be working over the next few months to fulfill our constitutional duty of preparing a biennial budget, a difficult task as Indiana is one of more than 40 states across the country facing a revenue shortfall. I remain hopeful that we can provide reasonable solutions to our financial problems and allow Indiana residents an opportunity to improve our quality of life in these challenging times.

As chairman of the Insurance, Corporations and Small Business Committee and a member of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, I will continue to demand greater accountability and reform from the utility companies and the insurance industry. I share your concerns about the ongoing arrogance and greed of these two industries, and I promise to fight for your rights as consumers.

As we finish the first few weeks of session, I have identified several issues which are important to the residents of St. Joseph and Elkhart counties. I have included those in the enclosed survey which I hope you will complete and return to me.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to represent you at the Statehouse. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns about state government.

Sincerely,



Rep. Fry addresses the House of
Representatives.

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2003 Legislative Survey

Please fill out the survey and mail it to me, or [complete the survey online at www.in.gov/H5](http://www.in.gov/H5). Another member of your household may respond in the second set of answers.

1. What should be the state's priority in passing a biennial budget? Please choose two.

- ☐ A. Education.
☐ B. Health care.
☐ C. Jobs and economic development.
☐ D. Tax relief for Hoosiers.
☐ E. Improvements to roads, bridges and other infrastructure.
☐ F. Maintaining critical government services.

2. Should Indiana pass a plan that would protect Hoosiers from unsolicited e-mail, better known as "spam"?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Should Indiana adopt daylight-saving time and change our clocks twice a year?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Do you believe the state should have the authority to levy stiffer fines and other penalties against utility companies that refuse to follow state laws, rules and regulations?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Should the state have regulatory control over utility mergers that involve out-of-state or international interests?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Do you feel the Legislature should suspend some business tax cuts enacted in 2002 until Indiana has recovered from the national recession?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Would you support a delay in the date of the next property reassessment in order to help the state make it through its fiscal crisis?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Do you believe money from Indiana's share of the national tobacco settlement should be used for programs other than those designed to improve health care and get more people to stop smoking?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Do you think state tax dollars should be used to help fund a new stadium for the Indianapolis Colts?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. What should be the state's priority in education funding? Please choose two.

- ☐ A. Expanded testing.
☐ B. Full-day kindergarten.
☐ C. Teacher training and professional development.
☐ D. School construction and renovation.
☐ E. Reduction in class size.

11. Legislators presently earn a salary of \$11,600 a year and haven't had a pay raise since 1984. Do members of the House and Senate deserve a pay raise?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Stay in touch

with Representative Fry
and the Indiana General Assembly

The 113th Session of the Indiana Legislature has just convened. Below are some of the ways to stay involved.

Online

The official Web site for the State of Indiana is at www.in.gov. This is a good place to start if you're interested in information about Indiana and various government services.

Additionally, each representative has a Web site with information on his or her background, education and contact information. My site is at www.in.gov/H5. There you may also learn about bills that I have filed, read past newsletters, and apply to become a page or an intern.

E-mail updates

Would you like to receive e-mail updates with news from the Statehouse? You are always encouraged to contact me directly via e-mail, but I would also be happy to send you news from time to time about what is going on at the Statehouse.

To receive updates, e-mail me at H5@in.gov and ask to have your name added to the list, or **just include your e-mail address on the front of the survey response card**. It's a simple way to stay informed about the issues that impact our state and our district.

Becoming a page

Serving as a page during the 2003 session allows any child age 13 or older the opportunity to gain a firsthand glimpse of how the legislative system works. Students will be excused from school on the day they are serving as a page and will spend the entire day at the Statehouse.

Interested students should send me their name, parent or guardian's name, address, phone number, school and two different dates when the student could come to the Statehouse between now and late April, 2003.

Please note that positions fill up quickly, so apply as soon as possible!

In person

Sessions of the Indiana General Assembly are open to the public. You may observe the House yourself, seeing our democratic system at work. No need to schedule an appointment—you're always welcome. The House chamber has a visitors' gallery on the fourth floor from which you can view proceedings.

Whichever method you prefer, I hope that you'll keep informed and stay involved.

Yes!

Add my e-mail address to your update list!

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